

Appl. No.: 10/016,113
Amdt. Dated: November 14, 2003
Reply to Office Action of: October 16, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the above amendments and enclosed formal drawings, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 8, 11 – 14, 19 and 20 remain in this application. Claims 7, 13, and 19 have been amended. Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

1. Drawings

The Examiner has indicated in the accompanying form PTO-948 that the informal drawings previously submitted have not been approved. Formal drawings are submitted with this Response for the Examiner's review and approval, along with a cover letter to the Official Draftsman.

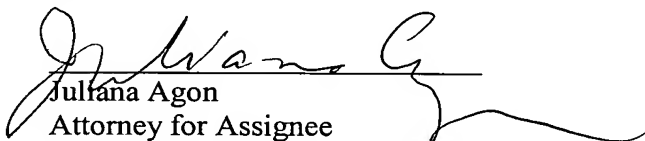
2. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 - 6, and further that the Examiner has indicated the subject matter of claims 10, 11 – 14, 19 and 20 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All the remaining claims have now been amended as thoughtfully suggested by the Examiner and deemed allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please direct any questions or comments to Juliana Agon at 607-974-6574.

Respectfully submitted,

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